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Or

Max sees the Hawkins pool moms flirt with Billy, gets pissed and tries to make them stop along with trying to make Billy see its wrong.

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Author's Note:

I hope that you like this story, the new teaser has made me dive head first back to my Stranger Things obsession and this and several other fics I am writing are the result of it. Anyway I have been rewatching the show which has reminded me of my hatred of this storyline and how it made me dislike Karen and all of the other Hawkins mom's besides Joyce and Mrs. Sinclair. And this story was born from desire to have them called out.

Anyway like I said above I hope that you enjoy this.

School had been out for two weeks and so far it had been great. She had been hanging out with the rest of the party, besides Dustin who was sadly away at camp, and she was going to the mall almost every single day.

She and Lucas also spent a lot of time at the Sinclairs house, which was great. They were what she felt they were what a family should be and she wished that her family was like. She had never really had that, her parents never really acted like they loved each other and they had only gotten married because her mom was pregnant with her.

And after her mom married Neil she had thought that she was going to get that, but they did not.

She and Billy had been close though, that was until she had run away to her Dad's house and Billy had told Neil and her mom leading to them moving.

Steve worked at an ice cream shop called "Scoops Ahoy", which was a stupid name if you asked her, because of his job at the shop he would give them free ice cream. Not every time they went there sadly, because the odds were the more often he gave them free ice cream the more likely it was for him to get fired.

Steve also had a coworker called Robin, she was in Billy's grade at Hawkins high and despite what Steve said Max really liked her. She was cool and badass. Plus she reminded her of Sally who was her babysitter back when she was younger in Cali.

Another awesome part of Steve working at Scoops Ahoy was that there was a tunnel behind it that led to the movie theater, which meant that they could sneak into the theater and watch R rated movies.

Billy had only gone to the mall once and that was on the date that it had opened. Neil had let them go to the opening together while her mom and him went on a date night. But that was the only time that she knew that he had gone to the mall because of his job at the pool.

When he had first announced that he had gotten a summer job she had asked him why. They had just gotten a mall, didn't he want to enjoy that? But then her step brother had explained that he needed to save up for college which made sense to her.

Billy had gotten a lot better since they had first moved to Hawkins, he was similar to how he was back in Cali, he had even apologized to Lucas and Steve.

She and the party did not go to the pool to go, she knew Billy well enough that she knew that he would be a very strict lifeguard.

That was until all of her friends and boyfriend decided that they all had to go on separate family vacations in the same week. This was ok for the first couple of days because she just hung out at Scoops Ahoy, with Steve, and talked to Robin. But then Steve got the stomach bug and she was not going to stay home all day, so she decided to spend the day with Billy at the pool.

Max had to wake up at seven in the morning to go with Billy to the pool. During the past couple of weeks she had gotten used to waking up around ten at the earliest so this was a bit of a culture shock.

When they finally got to the pool and went inside the staff room, Max was surprised that it still smells like chlorine in there. When they got in there Billy announced

“Guys this is my sister Max. She is going to stay with us today.”

Max waved to all of them and gave a somewhat awkward smile, and Billy’s coworkers all waved back and then they all went back to the jobs that they had been doing before they entered.

Billy turned to her and pointed to an air with two chairs and a table

“You can sit over there, until the pool starts. Unless you want to help one of us get the pool ready for opening.”

“Yeah, I will sit over there.” she said and Billy nodded and walked over the lifeguard named Heather to help her with what ever she was doing.

Max walked over to the chairs and sat down. It was a lot more comfortable than she expected it to be. She pulled out the Wonder Women comic that she was reading and waited until the pool would open.

The pool, Max decided, got very boring very quickly. There was only so much you could there before you got bored. And it is not like any of her friends were there, they were all on vacation. So she was just swimming alone.

And it is not like she could talk with her brother, he was doing his job.

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The ocean back in California was so much better, she found herself missing it even more than she normally did.

Right now she was playing with Holly, Mike's younger sister. Holly was really cute, but Max was not really a kid person so it was kind of annoying to play with her, but it is not like she really had anything to be better to do.

Mrs. Wheeler was talking with her friends, they were all whispering about something but Max could not really make out what they were saying.

They also occasionally looked up at the lifeguard stand that Heather was sitting on and looking away in disappointment. Max wondered what they were waiting on.

Max looked up at the clock, eleven thirty five. She breathed a sigh of disappointment and went back to playing mindless games with Holly. Billy's shift would not happen till eleven forty and then she still had at least an hour until he had his two hour lunch break.

Billy had promised that he would take her out to lunch during his break, and she was definitely looking forward to that. It would mean that she would be able to get out of this pool.

She started playing peek a boo with Holly but she was not really thinking about that she was thinking about what she would get for lunch.

The next five minutes passed very slowly. But that was how it usually is, isn't it? When you're excited about something, time goes slow and when you're not, time goes fast. That was something that her dad said all the time.

She was not prepared for what happened when Billy did come out to his post though.

The ride to the dinner was silent, Billy did try to start a conversation with her a few times but she always gave very short, one to two word answers. Billy eventually stopped talking to her and he focused on his driving.

Max stared out the window with a blank look on her face, trying to make sense of what had just happened. It did not make any since Billy was seventeen and all of those women were at least thirty. Plus they all had kids that were around Billy's name.

Although they all disgusted her, the person that disgusted Max the most was Karen. She did not really know why. Maybe it was because she had spent a decent amount of time with Mrs. Wheeler because of all the time that she and the party stayed at Mike's house. Or maybe it was because Max new for a fact that Mrs. Wheeler knew had a child that was OLDER than Billy.

It was just disgusting.

They ate in silence for a really long time.

Or at least it felt like a really long time, Max thought about what her dad said and she looked at the clock that was on the wall next to them. It was one fifteen. They had only been here for fifteen minutes.

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It had been a week since she had been at the pool with Billy and she had not brought up the topic again.

Neil was on a “work trip”. Max privately wondered what kind of work trip a secretary guard went on but she did not tell her mom her suspicions, plus she was sure her mother already had the same feeling.

Because of the fact that Neil was away Max had asked her mom if she could go eat dinner at the Sinclairs house, Max knew that she could never ask Neil about it. But her mom would normally let her.

When she first got to Lucas's house she was greeted by Mrs. Sinclair, who she loved, Max thought of her as a second mother. Then she said hi to Mr. Sinclair, who she also really liked.

"Lucas's, your girlfriend is here." Erica, Lucas's younger sister, yelled to Lucas. Max rolled her eyes at this but still smiled at her. She really liked Erica, she reminded Max of herself when she was younger.

She and Lucas discussed his trip, and the more she heard about it the more she wished that she had gone on the trip with them.

"So what did you do, here in Hawkins?"

"Uhh, not much. I hung out with Steve at the ice cream shop most days. One day I had to go to the pool with Billy though."

"Oh, how was that?"

"Well at first it was really boring, but then it got really creepy."

"Creepy how? Like upside down creepy or just your step brother being a weirdo."

"Neither."

And then Max explained everything that she had seen with the Mom's at the pool and the conversation that they had after that, at the dinner.

"I mean how can he not think it's creepy. How can the mom's not know it's creepy, they are grown ADULT'S they should know not to lust after TEENAGERS!"

"I don't know Max, it does seem creepy though."

"I just wish that I could make Billy see how creepy it is."

"Look, Max, I don't like your step brother very much, but have you ever considered that it's how you're approaching talking to him about it? I mean, I don't like it very much when people accuse me of things and that means that I am less likely to listen to them."

“Maybe.” Max said.

“Kids, dinners ready.” she heard Mr. Sinclair yell to them and Erica.

And then she and Lucas raced down the stairs.

She had still not talked to Billy about what happened at the pool yet. She still did not know what she was going to say to him.

That was where her mind was while she was eating a snack at the Wheeler's house. She and the party were about to start a new D&D campaign, but the fact that Karen Wheeler was sitting in the living room made her mind wander to what had happened at the pool.

The rest of the party finished their snacks while she still had three apple slices yet.

“Hey guys, you can just get everything set up without me I’m not done eating yet.”

They all said ok and then headed down to the basement.

While she finished her apple slices she tried to keep her mind off the incident at the pool, but she could not. Eventually she got up and walked over to where Mrs. Wheeler was sitting and cleared her throat.

“Oh, hello Maxine I did not see you there. Do you need something?”

“No, I want to talk to you about what happened at the pool last week?”

“Why? Did you not like playing with Holly?”

“No, I didn’t but that is not what I am talking about.”

“Oh, what are you talking about then?”

“How you and your friends were flirting with Billy.”

“That’s not bad, it’s just harmless flirting.”

“No, it’s not just harmless flirting. Billy is seventeen, that is younger than your daughter! How would you feel if someone your age was flirting with your daughter?”

And Karen at least had the decency to look ashamed.

Max finally breached the topic of what happened at the pool with Billy on a trip to visit her grandparents. Since they had known Billy since he was nine they were then welcome to have him come visit for the weekend, and Billy was always more than willing to get away from Neil so he had happily agreed.

The journey was hours long, so there was nowhere for him to go and ignore her.

“I want to talk to you about what happened at the pool.”

Max saw Billy’s finger grip the steering wheel harder than he had before, then he said

“I told you Max, it is unimportant.”

“No, it is important because they are adults and you are a teenager.”

Billy rolled his eyes and said

“Max it does not matter, it has been happening to me for years even back in Cali.”

“Well that makes it even worse, you were sixteen when we left California.”

“So?”

“Well how would you feel if in two to three years grown men were to flirt with me?”

“I would be mad.”

“And why is that any different then when they flirt with me.”

“I don’t know, it just is.”

“But why?”

“It just is.”

“But why is it Billy?”

“I don’t know?” Billy said then he started crying.

Billy thought about what Max said in the days after their conversation in the car. It had not been very relevant when they were at the Johnsons house, but as the week went on and it got closer to the day that they had to go home.

But as the days went on and he examined what Max said he realized that she was right, so during the week on July fourth when Karen Wheeler came up to him, he did not flirt back with her.

And he drove home that day without getting possessed.

Author's Note:

I hope that you like this. In this world I feel like season three would not have happened because Billy does not make plans to meet with Karen and so he does not get possessed. And everyone lives happily ever after.

I had a really hard time with the ending, but I hope that you liked it.

Anyway I hope you liked this. Please tell me your thoughts in the comments :)